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SENATOR SAVAGE: Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Chairman, I do not want to speak on the bill. I would like to ask a point of personal privilege.

SENATOR SAVAGE: What is your point Senator?

SENATOR KAHLE: There seems to be an inference by Senator Chambers that many of my colleagues and myself are less than honorable. He made the same speech a couple of times now. I would challenge Senator Chambers to prove what he is saying. It makes me very unhappy. I would put my character up against his any day of the week. I think that it is outrageous that he leaves the inference that we are less than honorable in this legislature. If has some individual that he.....

SENATOR SAVAGE: Senator Kahle we are discussing an amendment, and I think that I will have to rule you out of order on this at this time. I'm sorry.

SENATOR KAHLE: Well, I thank you for the time that I have had. I got my point across and I hope that it won't happen again.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Chair recognizes Senator Labedz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I stand to support Senator Duis' amendment. Senator Chambers mentioned the fact that this was hastily thrown in the hopper. I do not agree with him. I think that Senator Chambers, Senator Luedtke and Senator Barnett, he said that he talked at length about legal minds, I don't have a legal mind but I expect people like Senator Chambers, Senator Luedtke and Senator Barnett, if they do not approve of this amendment, then they should correct it or else amend it to a point where the whole body would approve. I... believe that the majority of both men and women feel that the added protection for their children is necessary. A comment was made that two young people involved in a relationship, a young man could be sent away for 25 years. As I understand, it would be up to the prosecutor or the judge to decide what the charges would be. But the threat of 25 years would be there. I think that if we ask the victims, they will tell you right now that we don't have strong enough laws. I think that Senator Duis' amendment is a good step forward and I urge the senators that oppose this to come in with some amendment to the amendment and correct what they think might happen. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature. I stand to oppose the Duis amendment. Ordinarily this would be the popular thing to do. It would be popular on our home base especially those of us who are running for re-election. This would be a very popular thing to do. However I have said before and I'll say it again. Three things happen when you get to severe. The prosecuting attorney doesn't prosecute. The arresting officer doesn't arrest and the judge doesn't judge. I think that we have an overkill here. There is no question in my mind about the sincerity of Senator Duis, the distraught